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SUBJ: VISIT TO PERU OF RAUL CASTRO

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1. AMID SUCH SHOUTS AS "CUBA SI, YANQUI NO," RAUL CASTRO ARRIVED AFTERNOON OF JULY 27 TO LARGE AIRPORT RECEPTION TO BEGIN 2-WEEK VISIT. PRE-ARRIVAL INTERVIEW WITH CASTRO IN EXPRESO QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE TRIUMPH OF CUBAN REVOLUTION MILITARY DELEGATION FROM CUBA WAS VISITING FELLOW LATIN AMERICAN NATION. HE STATED REASON FOR THIS IS BECAUSE ARMED FORCES IN PERU ARE TAKING "REVOLUTIONARY ROLE," UNLIKE THAT OF ARMED FORCES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. DELEGATION IS HEADED BY CASTRO, WHO IS HEAD OF CUBAN ARMY, PLUS CHIEFS OF NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

2. CASTRO IS HEADING ONE OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS ATTENDING PERUVIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES; OTHER DELS INCLUDE ARGENTINES (HEADED BY ARGENTINE CHIEF OF STAFF LEANDRO ANAYA) AND PANAMANIAN.

3. AFTER VARIOUS CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING "RESPECTFUL" ATTENDANCE AT TE DEUM MASS AT CATHEDRAL AND MEETING WITH
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PRESIDENT VELASCO ON JULY 28, CASTRO ATTENDED PERUVIAN ARMED

FORCES PARADE ON 29TH, NOTING THAT PARADE WAS WELL DONE, BETTER THAN A CUBAN PARADE, BUT EVEN BETTER IS THE ROLE PERUVIAN MILITARY IS TAKING IN RUNNING COUNTRY. CASTRO'S PRESENCE AT PARADE WAS COVERED PROMINENTLY IN PRESS.

4. COMMENT: AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, CASTRO IS TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PRAISE PERUVIAN MILGOV AND SHOW STRONG CUBAN SUPPORT FOR IT.
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